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GREGG COUNTY MAN GUILTY OF FEDERAL GUN VIOLATION

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 27-year-old Longview man has pleaded guilty to being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm in the Eastern District of Texas. **WILLIAM BRADLEY SMITH** entered his guilty plea today before United States Magistrate Judge Judith Guthrie.

According to information presented in court, on May 23, 2006, Smith was arrested after authorities ran a search warrant at his residence and found that he possessed a handgun. Because Smith has a prior felony conviction, he is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition. In 2003, Smith was convicted of felony possession of a controlled substance in Gregg County. Smith was indicted by a federal grand jury in June.

Smith faces up to ten years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.00 at sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Longview Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Middleton.

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